Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 17 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 18 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 16 Jan 2023 at 17:08 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the very cold conditions with snow showers to continue until Friday then a change to milder conditions into the weekend but lower confidence for the timing of this.

Headline for Tuesday 17 Jan 2023: Bright spells and a few snow showers. Severe wind chill.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 17 Jan 2023

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Tuesday 17 Jan 2023

Weather: Clear spells and a few snow showers overnight, mainly in the northwest. Sunny spells and scattered snow showers on Tuesday, the showers mainly across Lochaber and western Argyll with longest sunny spells across the southeast over the Trossachs.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, best chance in the southeast.

Low Cloud and visibility: Mainly good visibility but patchy cloud down to 500 or 600m in the north and west and briefly very poor in snow showers. Some blowing of lying snow at times on the tops.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	19/21 SW	19/22 W	20/24 W	24/29 W	24/29 W	23/28 W	28/33 NW	31/37 W	33/42 NW
900	9/12 W	11/15 W	13/17 W	14/18 W	16/20 W	14/19 NW	17/22 NW	17/23 NW	20/27 NW
600	11/13 SW	11/14 SW	13/16 SW	14/18 SW	14/19 SW	12/16 SW	14/18 W	16/22 SW	20/26 NW
300	6/8 W	6/7 SW	6/8 SW	7/9 SW	7/10 SW	6/11 W	7/11 NW	10/16 W	10/16 NW
Glen	5/10 W	4/9 W	3/8 W	4/10 W	6/12 W	6/13 W	5/12 NW	5/12 W	7/18 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-9/-18	-9/-18	-9/-18	-8/-18	-8/-17	-8/-17	-8/-17	-8/-18	-7/-17
900	-6/-12	-7/-13	-6/-13	-6/-13	-5/-12	-5/-12	-5/-12	-5/-12	-5/-12
600	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-3/-9	-2/-8	-3/-9	-3/-9	-2/-9
300	-2/-5	-2/-5	-2/-5	-2/-5	-1/-4	-0/-4	-1/-5	-1/-5	-1/-5
Glen	-1/-4	-1/-3	-0/-2	-0/-3	1/-2	2/-2	0/-2	1/-1	1/-2
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	100m	100m	100m	100m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Bitterly cold conditions especially in exposure to the strong breeze and in snow showers.

Forecast for Wednesday 18 Jan 2023
Weather: Clear or sunny intervals and occasional snow showers, most frequent in the northwest. Strong winds on the tops with severe wind chill and blowing snow.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 25 to 30mph, gusts 40 to 50mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Often very poor in snow showers with patchy cloud and fog. Blowing snow will also reduce visibility at times. Occasional good visibility, mainly in the southeast.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2C rising to 1 or 2C.
At 800m: Minus 4C
Freezing level: 200m.

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